



**Silvers Locomobile**

Hyrum A. Silvers Locomobile was one of the first brought to Salt Lake City. It would run 10

miles on three gallons of gas, which cost five cents for a gallon.

### THE HORSELESS CARRIAGE OF 1900

The horseless carriage was described by President Lorenzo Snow, after a spin from the Lion House to Liberty Park and back again. The incident was related in the Deseret News of May 16, 1900, written by Horace Whitney. This horseless carriage was one of the first to reach Salt Lake, and at this very time the writer's father-in-law, John Clark, was Mayor of Salt Lake, but he was more dubious than President Snow, and utterly refused to risk his life in such a questionable contraption as the "gas buggy."

The Lorenzo Snow account runs, in part, as follows:

"Oh my, it is as wonderful as it is glorious," was the verdict of President Lorenzo Snow, as

he stepped from Hyrum Silver's automobile yesterday afternoon at the President's office and shook the dust from his clothes, having finished with a jerk his maiden spin in the carriage that is giving Salt Lake horses blind staggers. The president has a natural love for novelty, and if he is partial to any one worldly thing, that thing is fast locomotion.

"A white beard fluttering to the breeze was no impediment whatever, so President Snow was not slow to accept Mr. Silver's invitation to see the town by automobile, and promptly at 2:30, a 'pish, tush, sh——' and a puff of smoke announced that the outfit had drawn up at the door of the Bee Hive. President Snow appeared a moment later and walked around once or twice, kind of inspecting the 'critter.' Then he